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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH NORDIC COUNTRIES ON PEACEKEEP-
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1. FOR USUN: WE SUGGEST POLMIN PETREE GET IN TOUCH WITH
NORDIC MISSIONS IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK TO PROVIDE THEM WITH
OUR PROPOSALS AND VIEWS ON UN PEACEKEEPING AS PREFACE TO
HIS TRIP TO THE AREA AUGUST 19-SEPTEMBER 6. THIS SHOULD
SERVE PURPOSE OF GIVING NORDIC GOVERNMENTS OUR IDEAS BEFORE
MEETING OF NORDIC MFA OFFICE DIRECTORS, AUGUST 17-18, AND
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PAVE THE WAY FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS DURING PETREE'S
TRIP. FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON PEACEKEEPING COULD FOLLOW
IN NEW YORK AFTER PETREE'S RETURN.

2. FOR HELSINKI: PLEASE INFORM MFA THAT US IS CONSULTING
WITH NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ON PEACEKEEPING PRIOR TO UNGA.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES, FOR INSTANCE, WAS RECENTLY IN

JAPAN, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS, DISCUSSED PEACEKEEPING. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED OUR IDEAS WITH WESTERN FIVE IN NEW YORK AND IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARRY DISCUSSED US PEACEKEEPING PROPOSALS DURING RECENT PRE-UNGA BILATERALS IN LATIN AMERICA. OUR INTEREST IN CONSULTING WITH NORDIC COUNTRIES

AS A GROUP STEMS FROM THEIR WELL-DEVELOPED IDEAS ON PEACEKEEPING, THEIR SPECIAL CAPABILITY AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN PEACEKEEPING AREA. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM THE DANES, FOR INSTANCE, A 1978 WORK PRODUCED BY THE JOINT NORDIC COMMITTEE FOR MILITARY UN MATTERS, ENTITLED "NORDIC STANDBY FORCES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SERVICE", WHICH DESCRIBES IN DETAIL NORDIC EFFORTS TO DEVELOP COMMON MILITARY DOCTRINE AND PROCEDURES FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS LISTING NORDIC UNITS EARMARKED FOR SUCH MISSIONS. THIS INDICATES NORDIC THINKING ON PEACEKEEPING IS CONSIDERABLY ADVANCED BEYOND THAT OF MOST OTHER COUNTRIES, AND WE HOPE FINNS WILL UNDERSTAND OUR DESIRE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THAT LIGHT. VANCE

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